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Applicant(s): Kazuhisa KIMURA

Serial No. : 10/716,899

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For : INK JET RECORDING HEAD  
MAINTENANCE APPARATUS AND  
INK JET RECORDING APPARATUS

Art Unit : 2861

Examiner : Shih-wen Hsieh

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed  
August 25, 2005, the term for response to which expires on  
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**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this  
paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 5 of this paper. Claims 1-3, 5-7,  
10-17, 19 and 20 are amended; claims 4 and 18 are canceled; and  
claims 8 and 9 are maintained.

**Remarks** begin on page 14 of this paper.